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FOLLOWING IS SCHEDULE FOR TODMAN VISIT UPDATED TO REFLECT 1530 ETA.

JANUARY 25.

1530 ARRIVAL AT LAS MERCEDES AIRPORT. MET BY AMBASSADOR SOLAUN
AND SENIOR STAFF AND GON CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AMB. FRANCISCO ARAUZ.
PRESS WILL BE PRESENT FOR ARRIVAL STATEMENT.

1600-1715 MEETING WITH AND BRIEFING BY COUNTRY TEAM.

1730-1600 COURTESY CALL ON FONMIN JULIO QUINTANA. SUGGESTED POINTS
ASST. SECY. TODMAN SHOULD RAISE:

1. U.S. INTEREST IN EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF IAHR.
2. U.S. INTEREST IN CENTRAL AMERICAN REGIONAL STABILITY AND COOPERATION IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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3. U.S. INTEREST IN A SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND AN EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH, I.E., TUNA, IN THE EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC.

1930-2130 STAG RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE FOR POLITICAL, BUSINESS AND
MEDIA LEADERS. INFORMAL, I.E., SHORT-SLEEVES. GUEST LIST WILL BE
AVAILABLE ON ARRIVAL.

JANUARY 26

0730-0830 BREAKFAST WITH UDEL LEADERS PROBABLE ATTENDEES: DR. RAFAEL CORDOVA RIVAS (CONSERVATIVE PARTY BACKGROUND, PRESIDENT OF UDEL SINCE DECEMBER 1977); DR. RAMIRO SACASA GUERRERO (PRESIDENT CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERAL MOVEMENT, FORMER CABINET MINISTER); PEDRO QUINTANILLA (SAME BACKGROUND AS SACASA); RODOLFO ROBELO HERRERA (PRESIDENT OF INDEPENDENT LIBERAL PARTY AND UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR UDEL PRESIDENCY); EDMUNDO JARQUIN (EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF INPRHU, A SOCIAL CHRISTIAN-SPONSORED INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, ALSO KEY ADVISOR AND CONFIDANTE OF P.J. CHAMORRO). TALKING POINTS IN REFTELS. ALSO, SEEK THEIR VIEWS OF CURRENT AND NEAR TERM POLITICAL SITUATION.

0845-0900 MEET AMERICAN AND NICARAGUAN STAFF AT EMBASSY.

0900-0945 MEET WITH OFFICIAL OPPOSITION CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADERS AT EMBASSY. PROBABLE ATTENDEES: DR. RENE SANDINO ARGUELLO (PRESIDENT); ARQ. EDUARDO CHAMORRO (POLITICAL SECRETARY); DR. FERNANDO ZELAYA (SECRETARY). TALKING POINTS IN REFTELS. ALSO, SEEK THEIR VIEWS OF CURRENT AND NEAR TERM POLITICAL SITUATION.

1000-1015 MEETING WITH NICARAGUAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AT EMBASSY. THIS MEETING IS PRIMARILY A DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR THEIR ONGOING EFFORTS TO PRESSURE THE GON TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND ASSURE THEM THE U.S. IS CONFIDENTIAL

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FIRM IN ITS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY.

1030-1100 MEET WITH ARCHBISHOP MIGUEL OBANDO Y BRAVO. THIS MEETING IS TO OBTAIN THE ARCHBISHOP'S COMMENTS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN NICARAGUA, THE CHURCH'S INTENTIONS REGARDING CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA, AND THE POSSIBILITY FOR A RENEWAL OF THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE POLITICAL INITIATIVE WHICH THE CHURCH IS COORDINATING. THE ONLY TALKING POINT IS TO EXPRESS OUR CONVICTION THAT THE CHURCH HAS A FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN NICARAGUA'S FUTURE AND THE U.S. WILL REMAIN ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN THE CHURCH'S ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY DURING THE POTENTIALLY VERY UNSTABLE PERIOD AHEAD.

1200-1500 LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA IN MANAGUA. TALKING POINTS IN REFTELS.

1530-1555 DEPARTURE STATEMENT AND PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT.

1600 DEPART FOR SAN SALVADOR VIA TA-115.
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